

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3590 - SB 3410

February 13, 2012

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes a local government to adopt stop-work orders for blasting operations at quarries or development sites located within the jurisdiction of the local government, pursuant to the *Blasting Standards Act of 1975*. An order may only be made when such blasting is believed to have caused damage to nearby buildings or created a situation in which the public safety is threatened. Requires the Department of Commerce and Insurance (DCI) to investigate such blasting operation upon the issuance of such order.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - \$46,300/One-Time  
\$125,200/Recurring**

Assumptions:

- Currently, Tenn. Code Ann. §68-105-110(b) authorizes DCI to issue stop-work orders when there is property damage of at least \$5,000 due to the following: flying debris as a result of the blasting operation, personal injury requiring hospital admission, or death.
- The bill requires DCI to investigate all instances in which a local government issues a stop-work order.
- DCI will need two additional inspector positions to cover the state.
- Each position will require salary, insurance, and benefits in the amount of \$55,272 (Salary: \$42,936; Insurance and Benefits: \$12,336).
- This will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures of \$110,544 (2 x \$55,272).
- According to DCI, each position will require office furniture, laptop, printer, vehicle, and other necessary items. This will result in a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$46,300 [2 x (Ford F-250 \$19,300 + Office Landscaping \$2,000 + Notebook PC/Software/Surge Protector/Printer \$1,850)].
- There will be a recurring increase in state expenditures associated with the positions of \$14,660 [2 x (Computer-Remote Connection Cost \$1,850 + Office Space Lease \$2,200 + Supplies/Office Phone/Cell-Phone/Misc. \$3,280)].
- The total recurring increase in state expenditures will be \$125,204 (\$110,544 + \$14,660).

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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